

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A server for performing a process corresponding to requests from a plurality of clients, the server comprising:
5 environment setting information storing means for storing environment setting information regarding each client;
client specifying means for specifying, in the case of a request for a process having been made from a predetermined client, the client which made the request;
10 environment setting means for obtaining environment setting information corresponding a client specified by the client specifying means from the environment setting information storing means and setting the corresponding environment; and
15 processing means for performing a process corresponding to the request on the basis of an environment set by the environment setting means.

2. The server according to claim 1, wherein the environment setting information depends on a using environment
20 for each client.

3. The server according to claim 1, wherein the clients are used by one or more users, further wherein the environment setting information includes both information which depends on
25 a using environment for each client and information which depends on each user, further wherein the environment setting means sets an environment in compliance with both information which depends

on a using environment for each client and information which depends on each user.

4. The server according to claim 1, further comprising
5 environment setting information inputting means for accepting
input of the environment setting information from the client
side.

5. The server according to claim 1, wherein the
10 environment setting information inputting means accepts only
environment information input by an authorized user.

6. The server according to claim 1, wherein the client
specifying means specifies the client by referring to information
15 included in a packet sent from the client.

7. The server according to claim 1, wherein the client
specifying means specifies the client by referring to information
stored in a memory of the client.

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8. The server according to claim 1, wherein the client
specifying means specifies the client by referring to an address
given to the client.

25 9. The server according to claim 1, further comprising
client state information storing means for storing information
indicating the state of each client, wherein when a request for

a process was made from a client the use of which is prohibited by information stored in the client state information storing means, the processing means reserves the performance of the process.

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10. A computer-readable record medium recording a server program for performing a process corresponding to requests from a plurality of clients, the program comprising the functions of:

10 environment setting information storing means for storing environment setting information regarding each client; client specifying means for specifying, in the case of a request for a process having been made from a predetermined client, the client which made the request;

15 environment setting means for obtaining environment setting information corresponding a client specified by the client specifying means from the environment setting information storing means and setting the corresponding environment; and

20 processing means for performing a process corresponding to the request on the basis of an environment set by the environment setting means.